

Water Resources Department

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VIA E-MAIL

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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-12644

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-12644. This document is an intermediate step in the approval process; water may not be used legally as proposed in the transfer application until a Final Order has been issued by the Department. Please read this entire letter carefully to determine your responsibility for additional action.

A public notice is being published in the Department's weekly publication, simultaneously with issuance of the Preliminary Determination. The notice initiates a period in which any person may file either a protest opposing the decision proposed by the Department in the Preliminary Determination or a standing statement supporting the Department's decision. The protest period will end 30 days after the Department's notice.

If no protest is filed, the Department will issue a Final Order consistent with the Preliminary Determination. You should receive a copy of the Final Order about 30 days after the close of the protest period.

If a protest is filed, the application may be referred to a contested case proceeding. A contested case provides an opportunity for the proponents and opponents of the decision proposed in the Preliminary Determination to present information and arguments supporting their position in a quasi-judicial proceeding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 503-986-0890 or <u>Sarah.A.Henderson@oregon.gov</u> if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Sarah Henderson Transfer Specialist

Transfer and Conservation Section

Sarah Henderson

cc:

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